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IN VACATION.

Ah Song.—An Irishman, a newly appointed crier in the County Court of Australia, where there were a great many Chinese, was ordered by the judge to summon a witness to the stand.

"Call for Ah Song," was the judge's command.

Pat was puzzled for a moment. He glanced slyly at the judge, but found him as grave as an undertaker. Then turning to the spectators, he cried out in a loud voice:

"Gentlemen, would any of yez be good enough to give his honor a song?"—Central Law Journal.

A Return to a Justice's Court.—The following is a return made with a warrant disposed of by a distinguished justice in ——— County in Virginia:

Commonwealth vs. J——n.

On warrant for felonious cutting.

Case called and compromised, and the following judgment (or opinion) appended to the warrant returned to the Clerk of the Court of ——— County, Va. by trial Justice B.

"I am happy to record that the anciently honorable houses of J—— and E—— are once more re-united, and that the white dove of peace now soars high over the classic precincts of 'Coaling Town'; that Emily E——, (self styled) 'the queen of the Coaling, by G—d,' no longer floats on the surface of the occasion, trusting to the sublimity of luck, but now feasts on the fat of the land by reason of a financial consideration transferred from the house of J—— to the house of E——"

BOOK REVIEWS.

All book reviews are by the editor in chief unless otherwise stated.

A Treatise on the Law of Surety and Guarantee, by Darius H. Pingrey, LL. D., the author of treatises on Chattel Mortgages, Real Estates Mortgages, and Real Property. Second Edition. Howard C. Joyce, Albany, New York. Matthew Bender & Co. 1913. Price \$6.00.

Mr. Pingrey's book has now been before the public for some twelve years. The original work found almost immediate favor with the profession for its clearness, succinctness and the careful way in which it was prepared. Since the issuing of the original work much new law has come into existence owing to the large use of surety companies in lieu of personal security. The present edition by Mr. Joyce not only brings the old edition up to date, revising it in many important particulars, but adds a new chapter covering in the fullest way the law in regard to surety and guarantee companies. This